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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Ping Liong TJOA

Appln. No. : 09/319,243

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For : TRAINING APPARATUS



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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following remarks are being submitted pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR

1.116 in a bona fide effort to place this application in condition for allowance.

REMARKS

Claims 12-23 are pending and they have been finally rejected as unpatentable under 35 USC 103(a) over Bosko et al in view of Jackson, Jr.

This rejection is again respectfully traversed.

In his rejection, the examiner states: "...Bosko et al does not disclose a diameter of which is adapted to the palm of the hand or a total length in the range of the should [sic] span of the person using it. Jackson, Jr. teaches these limitations..." Applicant respectfully disagrees.

In Jackson Jr. the end caps 17 are certainly capable of being grasped by the user's hands, but that fact does not mean that the size of the end caps is such that they are "adapted to the palm of the hand of the training person" as recited in claim 12. Jackson Jr. also states that the